



DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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An Act Concerning the Transfer of Functions from the Departments of Public Works, Information Technology, Public Safety and Education and the Judicial Selection Commission to the Department of Administrative Services and Department of Construction Services

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Good afternoon Senator Slossberg, Representative Morin, Senator McLachlan, Representative Hwang and distinguished members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee. For the record, my name is Donald DeFronzo and I am the Commissioner of Administrative Services (DAS).

I am here today to testify in support of Senate Bill 1010, An Act Concerning the Transfer of Functions from the Departments of Public Works, Information Technology, Public Safety and Education and the Judicial Selection Commission to the Department of Administrative Services and Department of Construction Services. This bill is part of Governor Malloy's effort to reduce the number of agencies in state government, to eliminate duplicative government activities, to achieve efficiencies and increase shared services, and to balance the need for centralized policy development, control functions and budget with the appropriate level of decision-making at the agency level.

Because DAS, DPW and DOIT are three central administrative agencies that provide support to other governmental offices, there are significant affinities among the existing departmental functions.

Under the new structure, DPW business office, legal, legislative, information technology (IT) and communication functions will be merged with those of DAS. DPW Procurement - including the leasing unit, the bids and contracts unit, and the legal unit supporting leasing, construction contracting, bids, etc. - will also be merged into DAS Procurement. DPW and DAS facility and property management functions, along with services to the Executive Residence, will be consolidated in DAS.

administrative services, promote the functional consolidation of government, and encourage better formulation of statewide policy, policy implementation and control in the areas of space planning, management services and information technology.

These consolidations will be challenging, but DAS is confident that we can achieve the goals that Governor Malloy has set out to achieve, while maintaining and even improving the provision of services to our clients.

Thank you for you for the opportunity to speak with you today and I look forward to your questions.